

# CALVARY

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**WORSHIP @ 9:45 AM ON SUNDAYS  
IN PERSON & ONLINE**

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**DECEMBER 7, 2025**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE WHEN DREAMS  
ARE SHATTERED**

**MATT 1:18-24; LUKE 1:26-38**

PASTOR HAROLD

**DECEMBER 14, 2025**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE WHEN  
IT'S DANGEROUS**

**MATTHEW 1 AND 2**

PASTOR HAROLD

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# HYGIENE PANTRY

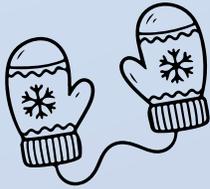
The hygiene pantry offers people the ability to live with dignity and respect without negative social stigma. It's open weekdays during Coffee Spot hours:

M-F from 9 am - 1 pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

## DECEMBER NEEDS:

**Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant, Black Hair Products, seasonal items such as hand and foot warmers/ hats and gloves**



Come hang out at the Coffee Spot! Open M-F from 9 am - 1 pm in the fellowship hall, the Coffee Spot provides space to build relationships, enjoy a cup of coffee, use the WiFi, be a part of Lighthouse, and connect with local resources as needed.

*To stop by the church building during the week, please do so between 9 am - 1 pm using the Coffee Spot doors, either Door B by the laundry room, or Door C on the west side of the building. To contact any staff member directly please use the information on the front page.*

# THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

**Sunday, Dec 7:** 9:45 am Worship Service/Children's Worship/Lord's Supper  
11:00 am Calvary 101 in the Lounge  
No Sunday School & Youth Groups until Jan 4

**Monday, Dec 8:** 11:00 am Bingo  
5:30 pm Bingo

**Tuesday, Dec 9:** 9:30 am Women's Prayer and Bible Study  
11:00 am Seated Stretch & Strengthen

**Wednesday, Dec 10:** 6:30 pm Cadets  
7:00 pm Wednesday Night Prayer Group

**Thursday, Dec 11:** 12:00 pm Kitchen Time

**Sunday, Dec 14:** 9:45 am Worship Service/Children's Worship  
11:00 am Congregation Meeting and Christmas Cookie Chowdown  
No Sunday School & Youth Groups until Jan 4

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## DECEMBER MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: A YEAR END GIVING OPPORTUNITY 2025:



- **Calvary's Ministries**
- **FA Mobile Food Pantry**
- **Hand2Hand**
- **Lighthouse Community Ministries**
- **Benevolence Fund**
- **Mission Support**
  - **Ben & Kari David (Hope Speaks)**
  - **Jesse & Jari Rodriguez (Nicaragua)**

***If God has placed another area of ministry on your heart, please give to any area of ministry as you feel led.***

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Levi Quist	2
Sam De Groot	3
Jim Warners	3
Roger Levering	5
Art Operwall	10
Erna Craven	16
Wayne Griffioen	20
Joy Betten	21
Tim Vande Zande	21
Marcia Van Drunen	22
Richard Koll	23
Paul Modderman	23
Marvin Polderman	23
LL Jones	24
Marva VeNard	26
Wilhelmina De Graff	29

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

George and Sarah de Vuyst	18
Gerald and Thelma Haverhals	22
Larry and Phyllis Guindon	28

## OFFERING TOTALS FOR OCTOBER

**General Fund Offerings:** \$24,867.02  
• 74.3% of monthly budget  
• 98.2% of yearly budget has been given year-to-date

**Christian Ed Offerings:** \$3,235.00  
• 125.2% of monthly budget  
• 111.7% of yearly budget has been given year-to-date

**Ministry of the Month:**  
• \$1,463.00 Hope Speaks

### **Welcome to Calvary!**

Bagel bits, coffee, and hot chocolate are available before and after the service. Our worship services are live-streamed at [www.youtube.com/calvarywy](http://www.youtube.com/calvarywy) and [www.facebook.com/calvarywy](http://www.facebook.com/calvarywy). These bulletins are available each week via email, on the table behind the sanctuary, and on our website. Children's worship bulletins themed on the common lectionary are on the table behind the sanctuary. For older kids or adults there is a Sermon Notes page to respond to and reflect on each week's sermon.

Today **Pastor Harold** will continue an Advent Series, *Hope When You Need It*.

### **Nursery Attendants:**

This Week 12/7: Jim and Kristi Potter, Nicole Willemstein  
Next Week 12/14: Alex and Julie Brill

**Prayer Servants:** (after the worship service at the front of the sanctuary):

This Week 12/7: Leon and Shirley De Lange  
Next Week 12/14: Matt and Sara Jewett

**Calvary 101:** Are you interested in learning more about Calvary and what the next steps might be for you? If so, we would love to have you stick around TODAY after the service. Grab a cup of coffee, and head on down to the Lounge, so that we can meet you!

**Children's Worship** is a ministry for kids ages 3 through 1st grade during the worship service, led this week by Katie E/Nolan. Children and teachers are dismissed before the sermon. Kids can be picked up by parents/guardians from the Children's Worship room (close to the nursery) after the service. If this program is new to you and you would like your kids to participate, you are welcome to walk out with your kids to make sure they are comfortable and so that you know where to pick them up.

**Sunday School & Youth Groups:** These ministry groups gather after morning worship. K-4th Sunday School and Middle School Youth Group (5th-8th) will meet in rooms down the education wing, and the High School Youth Group (9th-12th) in the Youth Room at the end of that same hallway. **Will not meet today. These ministries will continue on Jan 4, 2026.**

**1st Sunday Communion:** This morning during our worship service, we will celebrate holy communion together. Communion is a sacrament through which the Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith and reminds us of His sacrifice on the cross for the complete forgiveness for all our sins. If you are joining us online and plan to join in communion, please gather something to represent Christ's body (bread, crackers, biscuits, a pita) and something to represent Christ's blood (juice, wine). May you experience God's grace as we participate in this holy celebration together.

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**On Sunday, December 14, following our morning worship service, all Calvary adult professing members will be invited to vote on the question of “whether the congregation agrees with Council’s resolution to disaffiliate from the CRC, and therefore approves Council moving forward with the process of disaffiliation.” This is the first of two potential congregational votes prescribed by the CRCNA process for disaffiliation. A yes answer to this question would not mean that we are disaffiliated; it is simply the next step in the process toward disaffiliation. If you have any questions regarding this vote, please reach out to council President, Steve Weeda, or your district Elder or Deacon.**

**Christmas Cookie Chowdown!** Don’t forget to bring your favorite Christmas sweet treat next Sunday, 12/14. These will be shared after the morning service.



December is here, along with the **Calvary Kingdom Prayer Points!** This is a continuation of the **Calvary Kingdom Prayer Sheet**, that our Sister in Christ, Wanda Kunzi so faithfully put together each month. We are so grateful for the many insights that she shared through the years. There will be a hard copy on the table, and also available on our website. This month it focuses on World Renew’s Disaster Relief Services.

**Advent 2025:** The season of Advent began on Sunday, November 30. Check out the flier on the info table previewing some of the ways you can participate individually and as a church body together. Hardcopies of the devotional by Kate Bowler, *The Season of Waiting (and Waiting...and Waiting...)* are available on the table, and digital copies are available on the website. If you have any questions, connect with John Quist ([jquist@calvarywy.org](mailto:jquist@calvarywy.org)).

**Advent Art Has Begun!** There is an Advent-themed poster to color! Please join us in this annual tradition. These will be found on a table, behind the worship center.

**Invitation to Write a Calvary Christmas Card:** You are invited to write cards to members who cannot make it to church on a regular basis: Christopher Bolling, Sam & Sharon De Groot, Gerry & Thelma Haverhals, Larry & Mikki Hekman, Lucille Lankheet, Deb Nye, Richard Schaap, Arnie Toering, Jim & Mary Vander Ploeg, Carol Vryhof, Frank Williams. The cards will be collected in labeled bags, on a table at the back of the church until Sunday, Dec 14. They will be distributed by the deacons.

**TNT (Tried-N-True) Lunch Bunch** Adults, come join us for lunch at Russ’ (on 28th St near Byron Center Ave) When? 11:30 am on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Take a break from decorating, cookie baking, shopping and Christmas programs for lunch and a good time with friends and other members of Calvary. You can even wear that ugly Christmas sweater hidden in the back of the closet! Get your name on the sign-up sheet at church or let Barb Stone know by December 8 if you are able to attend.

**Christmas Bingo** is coming up quickly on December 15. This has become an annual event that is a highlight of the year. We have in the past asked for gift card donations to give out as prizes. We are collecting those gift cards now. \$5, \$10 or \$15 increments please. Popular places are Walmart, Dollar General, Fast Food, Family Dollar, Meijer and Family Fare. Thank you!

**Wednesday Night Christmas Dinner** is December 17! Please come join us in celebrating the season with the community! We are always in need of volunteers to help cook, serve and clean! Please reach out to Shanna or John if you are able to help. There will also be a special guest at our dinner, so bring your friends and family!!

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Each December we highlight a **Year-End Giving Opportunity** instead of a specific ministry of the month. This year we are highlighting the opportunity to give to: Calvary Ministries (which is the general church budget), FA Mobile Food Pantry, Hand2Hand, Lighthouse Community Ministries, Benevolence Fund, and Mission Support to those we have committed to supporting financially: Ben & Kari David (Hope Speaks, Uganda), and Jesse & Jari Rodriguez (Nicaragua). Please see the flyer on the table behind the sanctuary for more information.

**Calvary Photo Board:** Most all of us walk past our Calvary photo board. Here we find photos of our Calvary Family. We are hoping to do some updating. Are you currently not on the board, and you would like to be? Do you have a child who is 10 years old in the photo, and now they are a Junior in College? If you have an updated photo that you would like to share, please send it to the office or put it in the slot next to the office door, or you can send a digital copy to [office@calvarywy.org](mailto:office@calvarywy.org), and we will print it. Would you like someone to snap a photo of you on a Sunday morning? Kristi Potter would be happy to do that for you. People enjoy looking at our church family photos because they foster a sense of belonging and connection. You are encouraged to help in this process. Thank you.

**Area Churches with Prayer Needs.** Every couple of weeks we will have a local church listed on our prayer page, along with a request that we can lift up in prayer. It's beautiful to stand with neighboring Christ-followers before His Throne.

## MINISTRIES TO JOIN:

- The Women's Tuesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study Group will begin a NEW study on the book of Luke beginning Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 9:30 am. For more information, contact Nondi at [nondigurley@gmail.com](mailto:nondigurley@gmail.com) or 312-818-0510
- Feeding America Mobile Food Truck is the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. The next food truck will be Thursday, Dec 18 at 5:00 pm. To help set up and hand out food, please arrive at church by 4:30 pm. For more details, contact Shanna Grigoletti.
- Cadets, a program for boys in 4th-8th grade. Meetings are held each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Cadet Building.
- Wednesday Night Prayer Group meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, at 7:00 pm.

## Severe Winter Weather Policy:

During the week, if the Wyoming Public Schools are closed due to winter weather conditions, all activities at church also will be canceled.

On weekends, a decision will be made by the chair of council along with the pastor and staff regarding our Sunday worship service, and a decision will be made by staff regarding other activities. Watch for closing announcements on television or the websites of WOOD TV8, WZZM13, and FOX17. Cancellations will also be posted on Facebook and sent out by email.

# PRAYERS & PRAISES DECEMBER 7, 2025

**Kate Philips** (friend of Coffee Spot and Calvary) had a lumpectomy for breast cancer on Monday, Nov 24. She received a call from her surgeon that they didn't get all of the cancer and will have to do another surgery. This surgery will take place on Monday, Dec 8. Prayers for peace for Kate and for the surgery to be successful.

**Jim Vander Ploeg** (District 6): Continued prayers for Jim. He was sent back to the hospital (U of M) on Monday. He went for a Dr appointment and they sent him to ER. He has Norovirus. Please pray for strength and healing. He is thankful for his medical staff and covets our prayers.

**Ken Koster** (District 3): Ken's 16-year-old grandson Francis Bergsma, son of John and Dawn, is battling an aggressive cancer. His most recent MRI did show some growth. Let us continue to lift this family in prayer.

**Pray for Council:** Please pray for the Council as they meet this week Monday evening. May God grant His wisdom and discernment, as well as His care, compassion, and tenacity to all those who serve as our Elders and Deacons.

**True Life Bible Church** (4550 Byron Center Ave)

"Please pray for our MentorMe ministry. This is a ministry which places Christian adults in the lives of at-risk kids for 2-4 hours per week. Pray for the spiritual protection of our Students, that the Lord would keep them safe from the evil one. Pray also for wisdom and favor for our Mentors. And lastly please pray for God to raise up more Mentors, especially men."

**Let us pray for those struggling with hunger and food insecurity.** That their daily needs are provided. Prayers that resources are available to help strengthen their families. That they see hope and comfort in this time of need.

**Ministry of the Month** (December) Year End Giving Opportunity 2025.

**Psalms 16:8-9** (NLT) "I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me. No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety."